

GEO 01

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____



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2 Whatever happened to?

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Requirements:

Computer optional

Pens and large sheet of paper

Instructions:

Clear a large space on the classroom wall.

3.1 Group Activity 2: Which Species have Become Extinct?

1. Mammalian Extinctions: Use the paper provided to create a large time line on the wall of the classroom for the period from 1788 - present day. Indicate the date of the extinctions for each species named in Table 1.3 on the timeline. If you are unsure of the important features of a timeline, talk to your teacher.

TABLE 2.1: MAMMALIAN EXTINCTIONS (A) SINCE 1788

Species	Last Record
Darling Downs Hopping Mouse	1840s
Big-eared Hopping Mouse	1843
White-footed Rabbit Rat	1845
Gould's Mouse	1857
Broad-faced Potoroo	1875
Eastern Hare-wallaby	1875
Short-tailed Hopping Mouse	1896
Long-tailed Hopping Mouse	1901
Pig-footed Bandicoot	1901
Lesser Stick-nest Rat	1933
Desert Rat-kangaroo	1935
Thylacine	1936
Toolache Wallaby	1939
Lesser Bilby	1950's
Crescent Nailtail Wallaby	1956
Central Hare-wallaby	1960's
Desert Bandicoot	1960's

(a) Excludes subspecies and extinctions from Christmas Island.

Source: Flannery, T. and Schouten, P. 2001, A Gap in Nature, Text Publishing, Melbourne; and data from the Committee for Recently Extinct Organisms, URL: www.crea.amnh.org last viewed 22 February 2002.

Strahan, R. 1995, The Mammals of Australia, Reed Books, Chatswood, NSW.

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The extinct mammals have some interesting names as shown in the Table 2.1

2. Choose one extinct mammal per student from Table 2.1. Based upon the information provided in the name and your knowledge of the species, create a caricature, a sketch or a digitally enhanced image of your chosen mammal suitable to display on the time line of mammalian extinctions. This may be created digitally from a pre existing image but it should emphasise the characteristics of the creature as displayed in the name. Further information on the extinct species may be found on the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts website <<http://www.environment.gov.au> under the section EPBC Act List of Threatened Species.
3. Do you think the list in Table 2.1 includes all extinct animals in Australia?